

To the members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2783 without my signature.

Through an Executive Order I am directing the Office of Emergency Services to conduct a comprehensive review of existing programs intended to protect the elderly from all types of abuse and to ensure programs provide more efficient and effective methods for fighting financial crimes against seniors, including potential funding sources to carry out this objective. The Office of Emergency Services is the proper entity to handle this study because the programs addressing elder abuse are currently housed within the office. I am also directing the Office of Emergency Services to develop recommendations that will serve our elderly community by enhancing coordination among law enforcement and governmental agencies in the areas of information-sharing, training, and crime prevention. It is important that protection services are geared toward improving the lives of our seniors and that is why I am directing our agencies to develop a plan to coordinate state and local efforts.

Therefore, this bill is premature at this time. The problems and potential solutions will be identified once the comprehensive review is completed.

For these reasons I am returning this bill without my signature.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger